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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

 International application No.  
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<b>A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER</b>		
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<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b>		
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<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	O'KEEFE, S. F. et al, "Lipid oxidation in meats of omega-3 fatty acid-enriched broiler chickens" <i>Food Research International</i> , vol. 28, no. 4, pages 417-424, 1995. See entire document.	1
X	HOWE, P. R. C. "ω3-Enriched Pork" <i>World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics</i> , vol. 83, pages 132-143, 1998. See entire document.	1-82
X	MANDELL, I. B. et al "Enrichment of Beef with ω3 Fatty Acids" <i>World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics</i> , vol. 83, pages 144-159, 1998. See entire document.	1-82
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**Box III**      **TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

An animal feed supplement that includes fish meal as a source of omega 3 long chain fatty acids for inclusion in the diet of said animal; wherein, the fatty acids are increased to a level which maximises the nutritional value of the food produce from said animal but without taint of said produce.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC  <b>Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup> A23K 1/00</b>		
Applicant  <b>BARTLETT GRAIN PTY LTD et al</b>		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.  
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 

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III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited
VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain defects in the international application
VIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:\*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description,        pages , as originally filed,  
   pages , filed with the demand,  
   pages , received on    with the letter of
- ☐ the claims,        pages , as originally filed,  
   pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,  
   pages , filed with the demand,  
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- ☐ the drawings,        pages , as originally filed,  
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   pages , received on    with the letter of
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description,        pages
- ☐ the claims,        Nos.
- ☐ the drawings,        sheets/fig.

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 2-82	YES
	Claims 1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims None	YES
	Claims 1-82	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-82	YES
	Claims None	NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

The following documents are referred to:

D1. O'KEEFE, S. F. et al, "Lipid oxidation in meats of omega-3 fatty acid-enriched broiler chickens" *Food Research International*, vol. 28, no. 4, pages 417-424, 1995.

D2. HOWE, P. R. C. "ω3-Enriched Pork" *World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics*, vol. 83, pages 132-143, 1998

D3. MANDELL, I. B. et al "Enrichment of Beef with ω3 Fatty Acids" *World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics*, vol. 83, pages 144-159, 1998.

The claims of this application are directed to animal feed supplements including fish meal as a source of omega 3 long chain fatty acids wherein the use of said supplements maximises the nutritional value of the food produce from the animal but without taint.

Claim 1 is not limited to any particular level of fish meal in the animal feed and does not indicate what is meant by maximised nutritional value.

D1 discloses supplements for broiler chickens including 0, 4, 8 and 12% fish meal. Omega 3 fatty acid incorporation in the food produce from the chickens was noted with increasing fish meal with taint only problematic above 4%. This disclosure is thus novelty destroying for claim 1.

D2 discloses the enrichment of beef with omega 3 fatty acids. On page 152, the citation teaches that flavour and odor problems may be prevented by supplementing diets with no more than 12% fish meal. Furthermore, it is pointed out that increased use of antioxidants in storage and feeding and the utilisation of products from different fish species may be able to eliminate flavour and odor problems. In addition, D3 also discusses the use of antioxidants in feed supplements containing fish meal for the same purpose. Thus, D2 and D3, singularly or together, provide the skilled addressee with sufficient direction to make the feed supplements claimed without the use of inventive faculty. Thus, claims 1-82 are not considered inventive.

**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The claims lack clarity with regard to the phrase "maximises the nutritional value of the food produce". It is unclear what nutritional values exactly are being referred to and what constitutes a maximised nutritional value.

The specification as a whole is unclear because it fails to elucidate the feature providing the advance over the prior art. In particular, the specification is directed to animal feed supplements including fish meal as a source of omega 3 long chain fatty acids wherein the use of said supplements maximises the nutritional value of the food produce from the animal but without taint. However, nowhere in the specification is any indication as to how this result is achieved. This lack of indication of the salient features of the invention make it impossible to comment on the level of support provided by the description to the claimed subject matter.